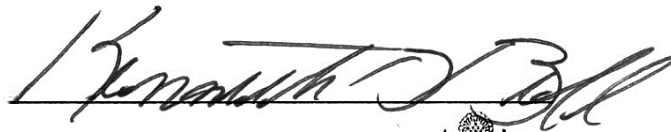


opposition, the Speedy Trial Act does not require that the 30-day trial preparation period be restarted upon the filing of a superseding indictment, especially one that does not add new charges predicated on new conduct, *see United States v. Rojas-Contreras*, 474 U.S. 231, 236 (1985), and a continuance would prejudice the United States. The United States is anticipating approximately 25 witnesses. In anticipation of a January 3, 2023, trial the United States has been conducting pretrial meetings with and coordinating travel logistics for these witnesses. Many of these witnesses are from outside Charlotte, and several are from out-of-state. Meanwhile the Defendant has not meaningfully participated in the pretrial process and has continually filed frivolous motions. As such, the Court finds that the Defendant's motion to continue is made primarily for purposes of delay and will deny the Motion.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: December 20, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth D. Bell", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth D. Bell
United States District Judge

